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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

240 W. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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July 13, 2004

Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Assessment for a Multi-Agency Center in Seward, Alaska. Kenai Fjords National Park, the Chugach National Forest, and the City of Seward are considering the development of a multi-agency administration and visitor facility (Center) in downtown Seward, Alaska. The Center would include space for administration, education programs, interpretive exhibits and programs, visitor information, and conference facilities. Six individually owned properties comprising a total area of approximately 1.3 acres are being analyzed as potential sites for the Multi-Agency Center. The Center, including parking, would be located on a combination of three to five of the six individually owned properties and/or part of a City-owned right of way in downtown Seward.

The public comment period will begin on July 13, 2004, and will continue for 30 days. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment before the responsible officials' decision. It is the responsibility of the commentor to submit comments by the close of the comment period. Comments must include the following information:

- Your name, address, and (if possible) telephone number;
- Title of the document on which you are commenting;
- Specific substantive comments (36 CFR 215.2) on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision; and
- Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comments(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility. An electronic username is insufficient for electronic comment submittals. Scanned electronic signatures will be accepted.

Please send comments to:

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You can obtain copies of the environmental assessment and additional information regarding the action from the following offices:

National Park Service
240 W. 5th Avenue
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(907) 644-3535

Kenai Fjords National Park
1212 4th Ave
Seward, AK 99664
(907) 224-3175

Forest Supervisor's Office
3301 C Street, Suite 300
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 271-2500

Seward Ranger District
334 Fourth Avenue
Seward, Alaska 99664
(907) 224-3374

Oral comments must be provided to the above office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, via telephone or in person. Hand delivered written comments will be accepted at the above office during normal business hours or they can be mailed or sent via FAX at (907) 644-3814. A copy of the Environmental Assessment can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/>

<http://www.nps.gov/kefj/park%20issues.htm>